

# WELCOME



## to New Germany, Casselman River Bridge & Big Run State Parks

Located in Western Maryland, these state parks provide a multitude of nature-based recreation opportunities. Visitors enjoy hiking, mountain biking or cross-country skiing at New Germany State Park. Paddlers explore the Savage River Reservoir at Big Run State Park. Anglers may fish for trout while under the arch of the Casselman River Bridge.



*While you are enjoying the parks, please help us protect their natural and historic resources by following Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics.*



## CASSELMAN RIVER BRIDGE STATE PARK

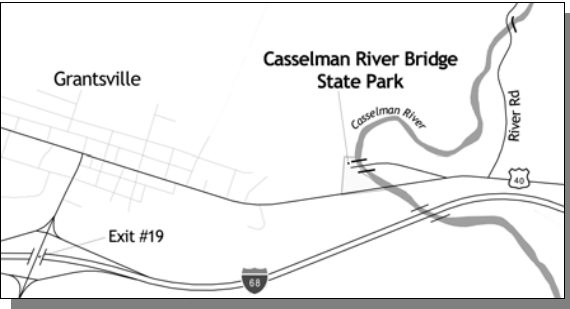
The Casselman River Bridge was erected in 1813 as part of the National Road (Rte 40) and still stands as a picturesque relic of Maryland's early transportation history. Its 80 foot span was the longest single span stone arch bridge in the world. The old stone bridge was partially restored by the State of Maryland in the mid-1950s and is now the main attraction of Casselman River Bridge State Park.

### Fishing

The Casselman River is a trout delayed harvest area between I-68 and the Pennsylvania Line. Anglers 16 years old and older must possess a Maryland Non-tidal Fishing License and a trout stamp. Be sure to consult your Maryland Freshwater Sportfishing Guide or visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries) for information on regulations and creel limits, You can also contact the Western Maryland Fisheries Office at (301) 334-8218.



*Please, never leave litter, hooks or fishing lines in the state park.*



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## PARKS GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

Park regulations are necessary to protect park resources and the quality of your recreational experience. Please observe them.

- Pets on a leash are welcome at Big Run State Park and Casselman River Bridge. Pets are not permitted in New Germany State Park.
- A day-use service charge is required to enter New Germany State Park. There is no day-use service charge for Big Run and Casselman River Bridge State Parks.
- Please report any problem to a park employee or call *Park Watch* at 1-800-825-7275.
- Remember, our parks are *Trash-free*. Trash cans are not available in the day-use areas. Pack it in, pack it out!



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# Maryland

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FISHING • PADDLING • SWIMMING  
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

# New Germany State Park

## Trails


New Germany has 12 miles of trails open to hikers and mountain bikers in the summer. Depending on the one you choose, you may wind through the woods, follow Poplar Lick Run or discover the apple tree orchard.

## Winter Recreation

Cross-country skiers and snowshoers of all abilities enjoy a winter wonderland on New Germany trails. Snowshoers must be careful to walk beside and not on cross-country tracks as it disrupts them. Ask about other snowshoeing areas at the park office.

## Boating

Take some time to explore the scenic 13-acre lake. A public boat launch is available. Gasoline motors are not permitted. Rowboats, surf bikes, paddle boats and kayaks may be rented during the summer season at the lake house.

 **Swimming**  
Swimmers enjoy the lake swimming area, which is guarded during peak use time from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Check the stand sign to know if a lifeguard is on duty. When there is no lifeguard, swim at your own risk. A disabled access area to the lake has been designed for your convenience.

**Fishing**  
Anglers with a Maryland Non-tidal Fishing License can seek trout, bass, tiger muskie and catfish in the lake. Poplar Lick Run is a native trout stream. It is not stocked. For regulations and creel limits, consult the Maryland Freshwater Sportfishing Guide or contact the Western Maryland Fisheries Office at (301) 334-8218.

**Nature Center**  
The New Germany Nature Center was at one time a one room schoolhouse for the community's children. It now serves as the center for a variety of nature-based activities and programs held within the park.

**Camping and Cabins**  
Camping is available from spring through fall. There are 39 campsites in the loop with a central bathhouse. Another nine overflow campsites are located near the park entrance. The park features 11 rustic log cabins available year-round. They are fully winterized. To make camping reservations, call Park-Reservations at 1-888-432-2267. Or make your reservation on the Internet: [reservations.dnr.state.md.us](http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us)

**Picnic Pavilion and Recreation Hall**  
For family or community reunions, New Germany State Park features two picnic pavilions. The Recreation Hall is an indoor facility seating 100 people. The hall has a kitchen, fireplace and two woodstoves. To make reservations, call Park-Reservations at 1-888-432-2267.



# Big Run State Park

Big Run State Park features access to the pristine 360-acre Savage River Reservoir. Depending on the time of year, you may see grouse, ducks, great blue herons, kingfishers and river otters.

**Camping**  
Big Run State Park offers rustic camping opportunities year-round on a first-come, first-served basis with 30 unimproved campsites. A picnic pavilion, which can accommodate 100 people, is available by reservation. Call Park Reservation year-round at 1-888-432-2267. A group campsite with a pavilion, is also available by calling the park office for reservations.

**Paddling - Boating**  
Two public boat launches offer easy access to the reservoir. Call the park office for a schedule of guided canoe trips, which are offered throughout the summer by park naturalists. Canoe rentals are available at BJ's campstore located on Savage River Road. Always be aware of the weather forecast when planning your paddling trip. The wind in the canyon can become rather strong. Note that swimming is not permitted in the reservoir and only electric motors are allowed in order to preserve the lake pristine water quality.

**Fishing**  
Anglers with a Freshwater Fishing License may fish the reservoir for walleye, trout and bass.

**Hiking**  
Monroe Run Trail 6.4 miles - moderate  
Crumbling bridge abutments remain as evidence that this scenic trail was formerly a connection road built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. There are plenty of chances to cool your feet along the way in the frequent, unbridged stream crossings. The trailhead is located near campsite #3.



Trail guides featuring a topographic map and trail descriptions can be purchased at the park office or on our website: [www.dnr.maryland.gov/outdooradventures](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/outdooradventures)

**Directions to the office**  
From Washington D.C./ Baltimore: Take I-70 west to I-68 west. Take exit 22 and follow Chesnut Ridge Rd. south. Turn left onto New Germany Rd and travel two miles. The entrance to the office is on the right.

